

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 5, 2007, set forth a requirement for election of species. The Office Action ostensibly identified eleven species but did not explain why the species are considered patentably distinct. Indeed, at a minimum, applicant observes that the "fifth" species appears to be encompassed by the "fourth" species, and the "ninth" species appears to be encompassed by the "eighth" species. To advance the prosecution of the present application, applicant hereby elects to proceed with the "eighth" species in which information is provided in accordance with a disclosure parameter or signature. Claims 12-15 and 29-36 are believed to be readable thereon. Various implementations are described in the application as filed. See, e.g., page 18, line 21, to page 20, line 1, and page 81, line 24, to page 82, line 9, among other portions of the specification.

Claims 1-11, 16-28, and 37-38 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 12, 29, 31-33, and 36 have been amended. Claims 39-72 have been added. Claims 12-15, 29-36, and 39-72 are thus pending in the application.


New Claims 39-46 depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 12 while Claims 47-52 depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 29. New Claims 53-64 are directed to a computer-accessible medium, while new Claims 65-72 are directed to a system.

Applicant requests examination of the claims and allowance of the application. Support for the claim amendments and new claims is found in the specification as filed. In some aspects, it is instructive to consider the use cases provided in the application, for example, the "inquiry form of negotiation" at page 118, line 11, to page 120, line 31, as well as the "direct negotiation" discussed at page 121, line 1, to page 122, line 20.

Early allowance of the application is requested. Should there be any questions or issues that can be resolved by telephone, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned counsel at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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